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WINNING SPIRIT

AWARENESS: The annual Race for the Cure promotes breast cancer awareness.

By Monica Hernandez
Special to the el Don

Every year I tell myself I won't cry. Every year I watch the survivor celebration. Every year I imagine my mother standing among the flock of survivors and the tears flow.

At this year's 7th Annual Orange County Race For The Cure, over 1,200 breast cancer survivors stood on the steps of the Pacific Life building in Fashion Island on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Wearing pink survivor caps, waving single red roses, they watched as 50 white doves were released.

They are courageous beyond my imagination- heroes every one of them.

The audience, crying and waving back, consisted of husbands, siblings, children, lovers and friends, who came to celebrate the lives of women who just 15 or 20 years ago, probably would have died of their affliction- died in silent shame and fear of those things we don't talk about. But, there they stood - ready to go back to their husbands, children, tennis lessons and jobs. There is a future for these women. My mother didn't get that chance.

My mother was diagnosed in 1976 and died after a radical mastectomy, years of chemotherapy and loss of the sparkle in her eye. She lived in a time when these things were not discussed. After all it was her breasts we were

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Mindy Schauer / The Orange County Register

LEGISLATION

Student loan interest rates decrease in new bill

HIGHER EDUCATION:

A new bill intended to help students may do more harm than good.

By Christine Tatum
Special to the el Don

On Tuesday the Senate approved an extension of the Higher Education Act that would lower the interest rate on student loans and raise the maximum Pell Grant.

The 96-0 vote followed Monday's House approval of the compromise legislation, cobbled together by a joint

committee from both chambers. President Clinton is expected to sign the bill by the end of this week.

For several months, proponents of higher education generally have supported the legislation's major provisions, which call for increased spending on Pell Grants and lower interest rates for student loans. Still, many who saw the final version of the bill, crafted by legislators from both parties, objected to several proposals, which they say will harm students now enrolled in school.

"We were intimately involved with this from the very beginning, and we were pleased with the communication that was going on," said Anthony Suma, president of the U.S. Student Association. "But when things moved into committee for discussion, the door was shut. We're not surprised that the end-result is what it is."

Perhaps the biggest sticking point for college advocates is that a special 7.43 percent student-loan interest rate, in effect through January 1999, Please see LOANS, Page 5



What the bill will do

- Raise the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,500. The maximum grant for the 1998-99 school year is \$3,000.
- Current students can borrow - but not consolidate previous loans - at the low rate.
- Establish a program doubling the Pell Grant award for students graduating in the top 10 percent of their class.
- Lower the student loan interest rate to 7.46 percent until January 1999.
- Deny financial aid to students to undergo repeated drug test before the aid is reinstated.

Rick Ho / el Don graphic

The recent additions to the Higher Education Act brings a higher maximum Pell grant and denies aid to felons.

PROFILE

ALL WORK, NO PLAY

Student Life: The new director of student services is keeping focused.

By Michael Ziobrowski
el Don Staff Writer

For some, working with people is difficult, but for John Hernandez, Santa Ana College's new director of student services, it comes easy.

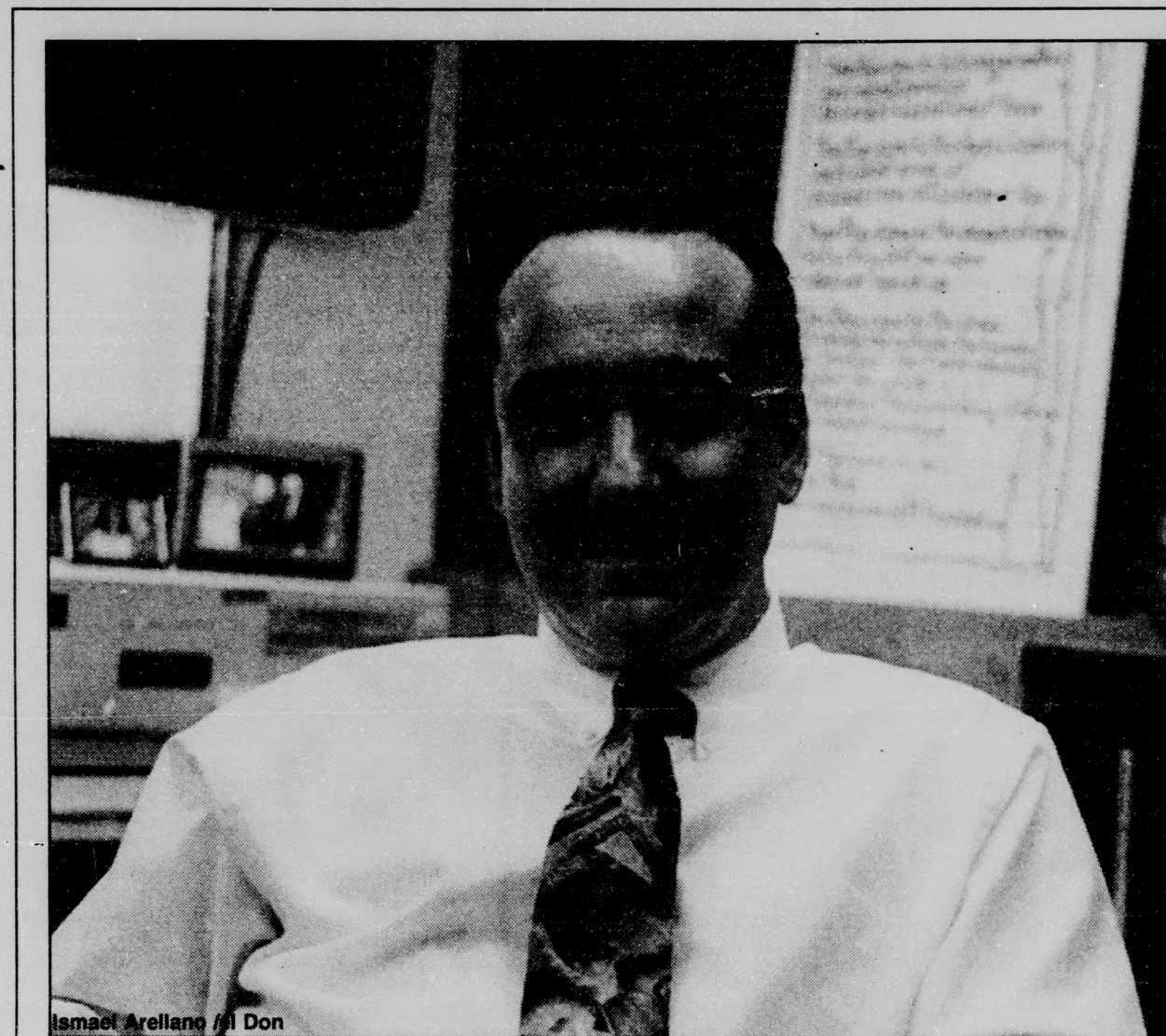
Hernandez oversees student activities, including Associated Student Government and the Health and Wellness Center. He also overlooks student discipline and follows up on student code of conduct violations.

Hernandez was born in Cuba, and at age six emigrated to the United States with his family. He lived in Anaheim and attended Orangewood Academy in Garden Grove, from grades four to 12.

He then graduated and attended Fullerton College, where he worked part-time in the Extended Opportunities program and Services office, recruiting high school students. It was there that he realized he was a "people person".

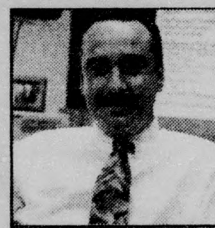
"I think people reach a point in their life where they look and say, 'what am I good at?'" Hernandez said. "Early on, I knew that I enjoyed working with people."

At Fullerton College he earned an Associates degree and then attended California State University Fullerton. He held a position in outreach and recruitment programs, and through transfer center activities



Ismael Arellano / el Don

John Hernandez has little time for leisure activities, after enrolling in the University of Maryland graduate program.



VITAL STATS

• Was born in Cuba and moved to the U.S. with his family at 6.

• Attended Fullerton College, California State University, Fullerton, CSU Long Beach and the University of Maryland.

• Enrolled in graduate school while working at Santa Ana College.

• Working on his thesis about the retention of Latino/a students.

became familiar with the SAC campus.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, he moved on to California State University Long Beach where he received a Masters in counseling.

Before coming to SAC, Hernandez studied at the University of Maryland for three years, working on his Ph.D. in college student personal administration.

"Part of my wanting to leave California was that my entire life since childhood has been living in California," said Hernandez. "My entire educational experience has been Fullerton College, California State University, Fullerton and

California State University, Long Beach ... so that gives you a pretty limited breath on life," he said.

In his educational career, he is currently referred to as "ABD," All But Dissertation.

"This means that I'm done with all course requirements. I'm what they call a doctoral candidate," Hernandez explained. "The only thing I need to complete the Ph.D. is to complete my dissertation research." His dissertation is titled "*En Sus Voces*," *In their Voices: Understanding the retention of Latino/a college students*.

Since starting school in Maryland, he has had little

spare time to enjoy the simple things in life. There hasn't been time for racquetball and bike riding, but he particularly enjoys action films and "Seinfeld" reruns.

He also enjoys Mexican food, which is hard to come by on the East coast.

"Being in Maryland, there is a very limited Latino presence, so being back here, it's nice to know that you can get a true and authentic Mexican meal almost anywhere," Hernandez said.

As a student, he felt he had very little time for pleasure reading, but being on the East coast gave him exposure to more Latino authors like

Christina Garcia, Gustavo Fiermat and Julia Alvarez, whom he met while at the University of Maryland.

"I got to get in touch with some authors I had never been exposed to," Hernandez said.

Still in graduate school, Hernandez chooses not to concentrate on the extracurricular activities outside of school and work.

"I feel like, until I'm completely done with school, I'm not completely done," he said. "So I almost feel like my energies and focus are still in school. Maybe once that's over with, I can look at other things."

AROUND CAMPUS

Work Experience program adds new major

Realtor Jean Gillis, active in the Work Experience Program since 1976, shares her expertise with real estate majors.



By J.P. Chabot
el Don Staff Writer

For the past 22 years, students in the Rancho Santiago Community College District have earned units of college credit while working through the Work Experience program.

Now, students majoring in Real Estate will finally be able to participate.

Jean Gillis, the coordinator of the program and a real estate specialist herself, worked out the 'Shadow Program' to help real estate students.

Although none of the students actually sell real estate, they will follow Gillis as she works her magic and view how to act in the professional world.

"That way, they know the process first hand, but since they don't discuss anything with the potential buyer or seller, they have no need to have a Realtor licence," she said.

For each referral the school obtains, \$500 will be donated in a student's name into a scholarship fund to Santa Ana College or Santiago Canyon College. No referrals

have come in yet, said Gillis.

In the work experience program, various courses are available for students who wish to participate in an externship to "try on" a job while still in college.

"The worst thing in the world is for students to spend four years or more in classes for a job only to discover that they hate doing it," said Gillis.

The work experience program is for anyone with a job. If a student doesn't have a job that fits into one of the categories, he or she can take General Work Experience.

Fund targets students in real estate field.

Cure: breast cancer awareness heightened by race

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talking about. How much I wish with all my soul that she could stand tall with these women each year, but instead I stand with my family, cry tears I didn't think I still had, and look toward next year's event.

In 1981 a beautiful woman named Susan G. Komen, a mother of two, died of breast cancer at age 36. Her sister, Nancy Brinker, promised Komen that she would make it easy for other women.

That promise was fulfilled in 1982 when she started the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Race For The Cure series.

With 86 races nationwide, the foundation has raised awareness and more than \$91 million dollars to provide free mammograms for low-income and uninsured women.

Their research is shedding light on the benefits of new therapy drugs. They provide educational programs, physical therapy and counseling for women in each county the race takes place.

Growing to the largest series of 5K races in the nation, the Orange County race is California's largest 5K, responsible for raising more than \$3 million- \$1 million this year alone.

A record 22,000 entrants showed up for an emotional day in Newport Beach. Chants of encouragement ran through the crowd of 5K walkers and joggers while the fire department jogged in cadence, Dalmatian in tow, under the warm sun.

As I walked the event for the seventh time, I was again struck by the number of people who were walking with pink placards attached to the back of their t-shirts.

The placards read either, "In Memory of ...," or "In Celebration of ..." and a loved one's name.

BREAST CANCER FACTS

How You Can Save Your Life

As women age, their chances of getting breast cancer increase

- One in every 2,525 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by age 30.
- One in every 217 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by age 40.
- One in every 50 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by age 50.
- One in every 24 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by age 60.

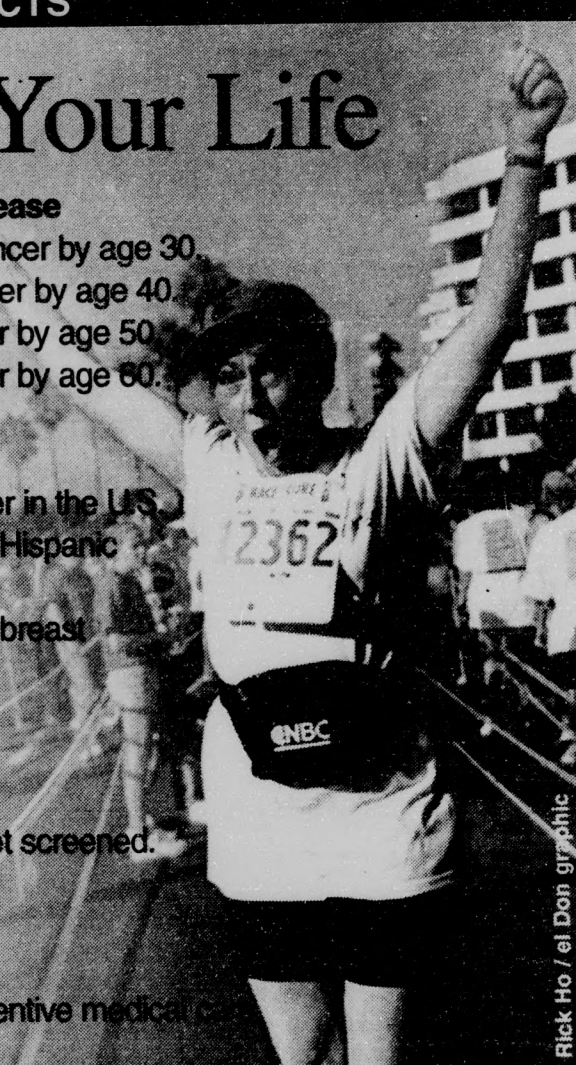
Ethnic groups statistics

- White women have the highest incident rate for breast cancer in the U.S.
- Breast cancer incidence rates are increasing fastest among Hispanic women in the U.S.
- African American women have the highest mortality rate for breast cancer in the U.S.

Barriers that keep women from getting mammograms

- Lack of physician recommendation.
- Misconception that, without symptoms, there is no need to get screened.
- Lack of awareness about mamography.
- Cost and/or lack of health insurance.
- Fear of cancer detection.
- Cultural beliefs and values that are not consistent with preventive medical care.

SOURCE: The National Cancer Institute and The American Cancer Society.



Rick Ho / el Don graphic

I saw one woman who had 12 names written on her celebration placard.

Three young boys and a man were walking in celebration of "Stephanie." The woman walking with them had a placard that said "I'm Stephanie."

Many of them simply said "Mom." There was one attached to a stroller that said "Grandma."

Yet as thrilled as I am to see the growing number of survivors, there are still too many placards that named a loved one who

had succumbed to the disease. Like the man who volunteers each year after losing his wife and six of his eight daughters to breast cancer. The remaining two daughters are battling the disease now.

This year, more California women will be diagnosed with breast cancer than lung, pancreatic, brain, cervical, ovarian, stomach, nervous system, leukemia and melanoma cancers combined.

One woman dies every day of breast cancer in Orange County. Who will die

today?

How many people do you know who have a sister, an aunt, a mother, or daughter who has suffered from breast cancer?

I personally know of seven women who are in various stages of recovery. We can not give up the fight. We owe it to our daughters and our granddaughters.

This disease takes life away from the women we love, but it also strikes at the very heart of their womanhood. I am inspired by their strength and courage.

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AT THEATRES THIS OCTOBER

The new district office, fully functional since Oct. 1, is located at North Broadway and the I-5 freeway, in Santa Ana.



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District office relocates

On the move: District offices boast a new address to be more accessible to all sites.

By J.P. Chabot
el Don Staff Writer

During September, district operations at Santa Ana College moved to a spacious new building at North Broadway and the I-5 freeway.

"The best thing is the space," said Rose Dosta, director of Human Resources. "In our old office, we were in confined quarters... Now

that we've moved into larger offices, we have the necessary space to be professional."

Before investigating potential sites for the new office building, district officials decided that it should be accessible to all campuses and sites in the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

The new office stands in the heart of the district, and is located halfway between Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

Although the district has purchased the building, it will lease space to other companies, to cover rent costs. The building has been fully functional since Oct. 1.

Changes to degree prerequisites reflect social change

Policies: The new changes slightly restructure Plan A, the path to an Associate's degree.

By Tara Simon
el Don Staff Writer

Two years ago Bonnie Jaros, Curriculum and Instruction Council Chair, and John Nixon Chief Instructional officer thought it was time to review plan A for the Associate's degree.

What prompted the review was that it hadn't been done in six years, and that society had grown

in many areas. Especially technology.

The General Education Task Force for the A.A. was established to make the changes, including a representative from every division.

It took a year of serious debate to come up with the 12th draft of plan A which was completed in May of 1998.

This draft was submitted to the Board of Trustees and the new plan in 1999-2000 catalog, this next fall.

They revised the format, the categories and the philosophy.

In the old plan there were A through G categories. In the new plan, category G, which was ba-

sic skills, is eliminated and placed as a part of our required proficiencies.

These are a part of the change in format, they're placed on the front page to encourage students to get them out of the way, before pursuing classes that might be more difficult without them.

Expansion in the cultural breadth category will now include two sub-groupings to choose from: ethnic Studies/Women's studies and International Perspective.

In this category the expansion is attributed to the growth in global awareness and it's importance.

There will also be a wider

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-Bonnie Jaros
Curriculum and Instruction Council Chair

range of classes to choose from in the natural sciences category. Although the format in the categories has shifted, the amount of units required has not changed.

The most noticeable difference between the new and old plan, is the philosophy.

In the old plan the philosophy

doesn't stand out, in this plan it plays a prominent role.

Jaros explained the philosophy as the rationale behind earning an A.A. degree.

"The goal of the Associate degree is to expose students to the huge body of knowledge and

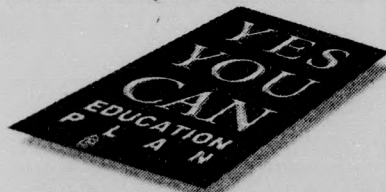
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Faculty benefits increased by Governor Wilson

By Theresa Salinas
el Don News Editor

Watch your teachers closely this week.

If they allow open book midterms or take the class on a week-long field trip, you might have Gov. Pete Wilson to thank.

Bills providing the largest teacher retirement improvements in 25 years were signed lately, giving both students and faculty something to smile about.

The \$944 million retirement package, to be paid from the State Teachers' Retirement System, brings financial and health benefits for California Community College and K-12 faculty.

Benefit increases for those retiring at age 63 or over, or with at least 30 years of service credit are the highlight of the retirement package.

A 63-year-old employee, for example, retiring with 30 years of service currently earns a \$5,000 per month salary.

After the package is implemented, they would receive an estimated increase of \$600 per month or \$7,200 annually.

The estimated average monthly increase, however, is \$58 assuming a half-year of service credit.

STRS members hired after July 1, 1980 can receive credit for unused sick leave at retirement. Before the bill, only those hired before 1980 could do so.

The bill also allows a health benefits program for both active and retired members and their beneficiaries to be established and stipulates that the purchasing power of retirement benefits will not fall below 75 percent.

-Journalism Association of Community
Colleges-News contributed to this article

Loans:

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will be available to a limited group of borrowers looking to consolidate — those who graduated before Oct. 1.

So, what does that mean for student-loan holders? For those who have finished school, loan consolidation at the low interest rate will be allowed during a short amount of time that isn't likely to be well publicized, according to Suma.

Current students, on the other hand, may borrow, but not consolidate previous loans, at the low rate.

For example, a senior could borrow at the low interest rate to fund his or her final year in school but could not use the rate to consolidate loans used to pay for the first three years.

"If (Congress) is going to offer the rate for such a short amount of time, it should let

students who are in school take advantage of it, too," Suma said. "Because by the time people (who have graduated) hear about the offer, it'll be over.

And maybe that's what legislators want — as few people taking advantage of this as possible."

Republican lawmakers have fought White House efforts to offer the low-interest rates for a longer period of time.

Banks, they said, cannot afford to provide consolidations at the lower interest rate because they must pay the government 1.05 percent of the amount of combined loans refinanced through the guaranteed-loan program.

The bipartisan committee assigned to finding a compromise between the two stances decided that after January, loan programs would set the interest rate on consolidated loans at the weighted average of the loans being refinanced.

Celebrating 10 years of Red Ribbon Week

By Christie Menzel
el Don Staff Writer

You have celebrated Red Ribbon Week since you were in elementary school.

You know it's about drug and alcohol awareness - but you may not know how it began.

National Red Ribbon Week is an annual event celebrated in October to honor the memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a 37-year-old U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent who fought to eliminate shipments of illegal drugs to America.

On February 7, 1985, Camarena left his office in

Guadalajara, Mexico, unarmed, to meet his wife Mika for lunch.

Camarena was close to exposing a multi-billion dollar ring that he believed extended up through the highest offices of the Mexican government.

As he walked along, Camarena was surrounded by five men who shoved him in a car and tortured him to death. His battered body was discovered a month later.

As news of his death spread, the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth adopted the red ribbon as their logo. In 1988, in conjunction with congress, they created the first Red Ribbon Week in honor of Camarena.

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

●Monday, Oct. 19 - ASG members will place red ribbons on campus trees and those that line 17th street. Students can pick up free literature on alcohol and drug awareness in front of the bookstore through Nov. 12

●Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Volunteers will hand out lollipops, pencils, fliers and red ribbons to students from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. near the Johnson Center.

Sexual and physical assault safety training seminar:
Johnson Center U-201 A, 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

●Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sexual and physical assault safety training seminar.

For more information contact Rolando Aguilar at 564-6208.

Plan:

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help them focus on what it is they want to do," she said.

Instead of just listing the required classes, the philosophy tells you why you are taking such a wide range of classes.

Overall, there aren't any surprises in the new plan, it's just reworked to make it more effective.

A new requirement to be aware of is the computer skills and applications requirement.

This can be met by taking a designated course, or by passing the proficiency exam on computer skills and applications.

According to Jaros, like required proficiencies math and reading, technology has taken our society to a point where computer skills are necessary to be well adapted in the competitive work field.

Additional changes have been made to plan B and plan C. There have been adjustments to classes available to meet requirements.

Be aware that these changes affect you every year, unlike plan A which stays consistent from your first semester.

"Everyone can benefit from the A.A. In this world, which is so diversified, reading well, computing, thinking clearly, critically, objectively about other cultures, all of this is required for an AA," Jaros said.

●Correction


In the Sept. 14 issue of the *el Don*, it was inaccurately reported that there are 1,200 - 1,500 parking spaces at Santa Ana College. The correct number is 3,031. The *el Don* was incorrectly informed of this information.

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The leather clad, Kabuki makeup wearing, sex obsessed, super hero rock band of the 70's known as KISS has finally made their way back into America's limelight.

With a new album in stores, a world tour starting later this year, and action figures on store shelves, it would seem that KISS never left. In reality, they never did.

The band was formed in 1973 by founding members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley. They later met and hired Peter Criss as well as Ace Frehley and rock history was made. Of course it didn't happen right away. At first, the band struggled as a simple rock band in the New York glam rock scene.

KISS realized that they needed a look that could capture their sound and so they began wearing what has become their legacy - makeup. Each band member took on a different persona: drummer Criss, the "Catman;" guitarist Frehley, "Space Ace;" guitarist Stanley, "Starchild;" and bassist Simmons, the "Demon." They now had a hook, and the musical balls to back it up.

In 25 years, they've made 18 studio albums, four greatest hits packages, three live recordings, an unplugged performance, a greatest live hits collection, and solo albums released by each member of the band. All in all, there's been 31 releases with the KISS name and logo branded on it somewhere, and this is just the music.

There's also the TV movie they made, and all the merchandise made for the



Catman, Space Ace, Starchild and Demon have reunited for a new album and world tour.

**By
Randy
Scott**

band; anything from action figures to lunch boxes to trash cans. There was only one problem with all this. KISS was becoming their image, and not their reality. They were super heroes instead of musicians, and a fad that would die out far too soon.

By 1978, KISS was the most popular band in America. But the pressure of being at the top was pulling the band apart. Criss left in 1980 due to drug and alcohol abuse, and Frehley left two years later because he was unhappy with the direction the band was taking.

The remaining members realized their makeup days were over and in 1983, they made their first makeup free public appearance on MTV. They moved into the 80's with a new look and a more focused direction.

Without makeup, KISS became a typical rock band. They still had some of their popularity as many long time fans stood by them, but they were no longer in the spotlight.

By 1995, Stanley and Simmons had gone through the spectrum of rock on their albums. They released albums that followed the musical trends of the day instead of their own. In short, KISS was no longer leading rock, they were following it.

Stanley and Simmons realized there was only one way KISS could become the hottest band in the world again - a reunion. Their first step back was on "MTV Unplugged."

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Matthew Anderson portrays the witch boy John, as he asks a sorcerer to turn him into a human.

Bewitched

Love story offers music, magic and more



Photo by Ismael Arellano/el Don

By Michael Ziobrowski
el Don Staff Writer

Shadows dance on the floor of the moonlit stage as the laughter of witches and hymns fill the air.

This is not a witches coven, but Santiago Canyon and Santa Ana College's Theater Arts Departments presentation *Dark of the Moon*. The play, which opened Oct. 8 in SAC's Phillips Hall, is inspired by the ballad "Barbara Allen."

It is a tale of a witch boy John, who falls in love with an Ozark Mountain girl named Barbara

Allen. John is captivated by Barbara when he sees her from his home on the mountains above her village.

He is so overcome by his love for Barbara, that he longs to live with her as a human.

John searches for a sorceress who has the ability to transform him into a human for one year.

When he finds the woman, his dreams of being with his love are made true, but on one condition: after they wed, Barbara must remain faithful for one year.

For the coming year John is caught in a struggle with the superstitious villagers who disagree

with the marriage and try to prove to Barbara that he is a witch.

"It's a little bit of a Romeo and Juliet story," said director Jeff Paul.

Dark of the Moon was written in the 40's by Howard Richardson and William Berney. It has been performed by numerous theaters and drama groups throughout the world for nearly 50 years.

A multilevel stage, dense forest scenery, subtle lighting, vivid makeup and period costuming contribute to a stunning rendition of a play that has stood the test of time.

The cast of 21 actors and ac-

tresses, both students and citizens of the community, do a wonderful job of portraying backwoods folk and mythological creatures.

SAC student Matthew Anderson plays John along side Ruth Ricks, who plays the role of Barbara.

Two playful, mischievous witches are portrayed by Connie Furukido and Alynette Gadney. Karen Angela gives an unforgettable performance as the grandmother.

The play runs through Oct. 18 on select nights. General admission is \$8 while tickets for students, seniors and staff are priced at \$6. For more information, call 564-5661.

"It's a little bit of a Romeo and Juliet story."

Director
Jeff Paul

THE SCREEN

Ian McKellen and Brad Renfro star in the *Apt Pupil*, the latest Stephen King novel to be transformed into a feature film.



Photo courtesy of TriStar Pictures

RENDITION

By Georgino Ludwig
el Don Staff Writer

Apt Pupil is a dark and powerful story.

The movie, which is due out in theaters on Oct. 23, is based on the Stephen King novella of the same name. It deals with the nature of human evil, how it can hide anywhere and corrupt people by convincing them that hatred is acceptable. Todd Bowden (Brad Renfro) witnesses this process as it takes place in his quiet, suburban neighborhood.

Todd is a typical American 16-

year-old, who becomes fascinated with the Holocaust in his history class. After doing some research on his own, Todd learns an incredible secret about one of his neighbors. Arthur Denker, (Ian McKellen) a reserved old man, is really Kurt Dussander, a Nazi war criminal.

Confronting Dussander with the truth, Todd blackmails him into telling about his crimes. With the threat of exposure hanging over his head, Dussander begins to talk about his days running the Patin concentration camp in Germany during World War II. This

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Kiss: the makeup is back

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Simmons and Stanley played the show with Frehley and Criss. For the first time in 15 years, the original band was back together. "MTV Unplugged" led to the KISS reunion tour of 1996-97, where they put the makeup back on and toured the world for the first time since 1978. And that brings us to today.

What started as a one-night performance on MTV has blossomed into a world tour, a new album entitled *Psycho Circus*, and a remastered collection of KISS' first 21

albums.

For the *Psycho Circus* tour, the band is pulling out all the stops with 3-D effects, classic circus freaks and games.

The first show on the tour is Halloween night at Dodger Stadium with the Smashing Pumpkins as the opening act, giving KISS access to a younger generation. Fox will cover parts of the concert live on their "Mad TV" program to cap off appearances by members of the band on other Fox shows. Pepsi will also cover the concert live on the internet.

Speaking of the Internet,

KISS is starting their very own Internet Service Provider called KISS on-line where fans can communicate directly with members of the band.

The band will then return to the big screen when they're featured in a film coming out next year called "Detroit Rock City," about a group of kids back in the 70's who try to get into a KISS concert.

For the second time, KISS is trying to climb the ladder and become the biggest band in rock, and they are well on their way to accomplishing it. Let's hope this time they get it right.

Pupil: novella translates to screen

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begins a game of psychological warfare.

While the two of them engage in a battle of wits, Todd's grades begin to drop which concerns Ed French, (David Schwimmer of *Friends* fame) Todd's guidance counselor.

As the boy tries to deal with what Dussander tells him, he has intense nightmares, in which he acts out some of the things he is told. These dreams become a gauge of how much Todd has been corrupted by Dussander's

stories.

The boy's descent into madness is culminated in the violent act of murder, when he brutally takes the life of a homeless man. While Todd tries to cope with what he has done, Dussander begins killing people and hiding their bodies in his basement.

Apt Pupil is Bryan Singer's first directing job since 1995's *The Usual Suspects*. Given the cast of stars, this movie promises to be a compelling adaptation of Stephen King's intense story of the past colliding with the present.



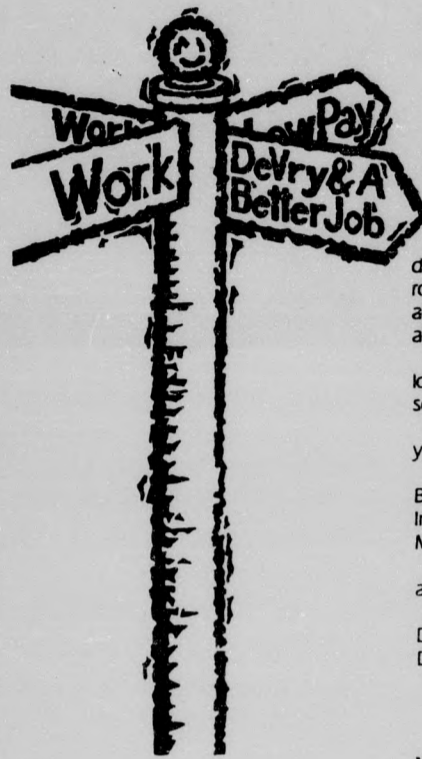
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Red Ribbon week is a good concept, but a poor program in the overall "War on Drugs."

Next week begins the annual Red Ribbon Week, a time where students across the U.S. strap on those cheap red plastic bracelets and sign pledge cards to stay free of drugs. Well, at least for a week.

The fact is, Red Ribbon Week is a joke. It's a program that lets people feel like they're doing something constructive to help kids stay off drugs.

Granted, it's important for children to learn about the dangers of drugs and what to do when confronted with trying them, but it's not necessary to spend so much of the taxpayers money on just one week of drug education. Doing such avoids reality.

The decision to take illegal drugs is a personal choice. You can give children facts and personal testaments until they're blue in the face and they still may decide to try drugs.

While still continuing to focus on drug prevention, more money needs to be allotted to rehabilitation programs which will help those that already have a problem.

If America is serious about curbing drug problems, we need to focus on who is really being hurt by drugs - the poor.

The "War on Drugs" is more of a skirmish between the police and the affluent to middle class recreational drug users. And while there have been minor drops in the middle class use of drugs, usage among the poverty stricken is growing.

The "War on Drugs" needs to be waged in the poor communities. In slums, the chance at reaping outrageous profits by selling drugs overshadows the consequences of breaking the law and ruining people's lives.

Schools can continue participating in Red Ribbon Weeks, but simply pinning red ribbons on student's shirts isn't going to solve the problem. If schools want to be helpful, they need to recognize that some students will in fact try drugs. This being the case, they must let kids know that help and rehabilitation is available.

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VIEWS

Hybrid of cultures speaks

Terms like "Hispanic", "Latina", "Mexican", or "Chicana" sometimes only tell half the story of somebody's true heritage.

By Theresa Salinas
el Don News Editor

As Hispanic Heritage Month draws to a close, I wonder about the accuracy of using a vague term like "Hispanic".

I know what it is like to be confused by terms that are supposed to help with self-identity.

As a child I referred to myself as Mexican, only to be told Mexican is a nationality, not an ethnicity.

Then I called myself Latina, which lasted until I joined M.E.Ch.A. my first semester at Santa Ana College.

I went through a "cultural rebirth" that semester, desperately trying to embrace the indigenous history of a country I hardly identified with. And it worked. I even taught myself to speak Spanish.

The correct term, I was told by fellow *Mechistas*, is Chicana. A Chicana has pride in her ethnic background, and works for the advancement of her *raza* (race). But who exactly is my *raza*?

Which brings me to the H-word: Hispanic. This is a catchall term the government uses to lump us together come census time. Not all Hispanics like this term.

For some, it means being "white-washed". But for others, it means successful assimilation into the strongest

nation in the world.

Although I detest the word Hispanic, I have already assimilated.

The blood in my veins connects me to a sleepy little town in Michoacan, Mexico, but I am an American.

And I am proud of that.

Embracing the idea of a better future for their descendants, both branches of my family tree fled Mexico on the heels of the Mexican Revolution.

Reaching Orange County, with roots extended, they dug deep into U.S. soil and have remained here ever since.

Over the past 86 years, my family has become accustomed to the American ways of life. My grandmothers traded in their traditional braids for fashionable "bobs". My grandfathers proudly donned U.S. Army uniforms during World War II, and risked their lives fighting for the country they loved.

And when I came along, I was also born with this love for my country. This is what makes me American.

But I also love the land of my ancestors. The land that is in my blood, where they worked, rejoiced, and ultimately abandoned for my benefit. This is what makes me Mexican.

I consider myself a Mexican-American. A hybrid of two great cultures. One by birth, one by blood, but both by choice.

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Roger Elias practices for his next meet. Elias is the top runner for SAC thus far this season.

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Dons on course for success

Men's Cross Country: The three time defending Orange Empire Conference champions are running for number four.

With a sure-fire mixture of extensive coaching experience, previous success and many hours of long hard practice logged, the men's cross country team looks to place high in their upcoming meets.



Cross Country '98

Coach Al Siddons returns for his twentieth year of coaching here at SAC. The team hopes to duplicate the string of wins that they have posted in past seasons.

They appear to be doing just that. Led by Alex Reyes who placed 7th with a 21 minutes, 12 seconds, the team beat out 24 other schools to win their fourth consecutive Fresno Invitational.

At the Conference Preview Meet, the team took second. Roger Elias was passed up at the three mile mark, but went on to capture first on the hilly course with a time of 22:23.

Preparing for the season over the summer, the men logged many miles and hours of practice. About 50 total members of the men's and women's team went on the annual trip to Yosemite National Park.

While there, the team ran over 100 miles and also benefitted from lectures given by former SAC runners- some of whom are now world class runners.

On Oct. 2, the team traveled to the Lou Vasques Invitational in San Francisco. The team finished second to Moorpark on time, but beat them in points 82-87. Twenty-seven teams competed in the meet with a total of 248 runners finishing. Elias was the top runner for SAC with a fifth place finish.

The team sees Riverside as being the toughest competitor. The Dons hope to make this season the fourth year in a row that they win conference. Last season the team finished 5th at regionals and 9th at state out of 14 teams.

Besides intensive training, cross country member also make sure to prepare in the days leading up to a meet.

"I make sure I get a good night's sleep the night before, eat a good meal and I take an easy run before the course to loosen up," said Jeremy Vincent.

And in the end, training and dedication do pay off.

Women's cross country focuses on finals

By Alesa Kerr
el Don Sports Editor

Inexperience is not a word the women's cross country team likes to hear. And even though the team consists mostly of freshman, the Donas are coming on strong.

Leading the young team is women's head coach Leticia Mora. A graduate of SAC, Mora also attended USC where she ran and earned her degree in exercise physiology.

"I think we have a very strong team. I think we can finish second in conference," said coach Mora. According to Mora, the team should place within the top seven at the Southern California Finals and with luck, in the top ten at the State Finals.

From what the team has already shown, this seems very likely. At the Orange Empire Conference Preview meet on Sept. 19, the team took second to Orange Coast College, losing by only one second. Sharon Moreno placed second with a time of 20 minutes flat.

Recently, the team competed in the Lou Vasques Invitational in San Francisco. The team placed 4th out of 17 colleges and tied for third on points.

Individually, Moreno placed third in the 5000 meters with a time of 18:49. Team members Alicia Casas, Janette Patlan and Laura Alvarez placed 18th, 22nd, and 25th respectively.

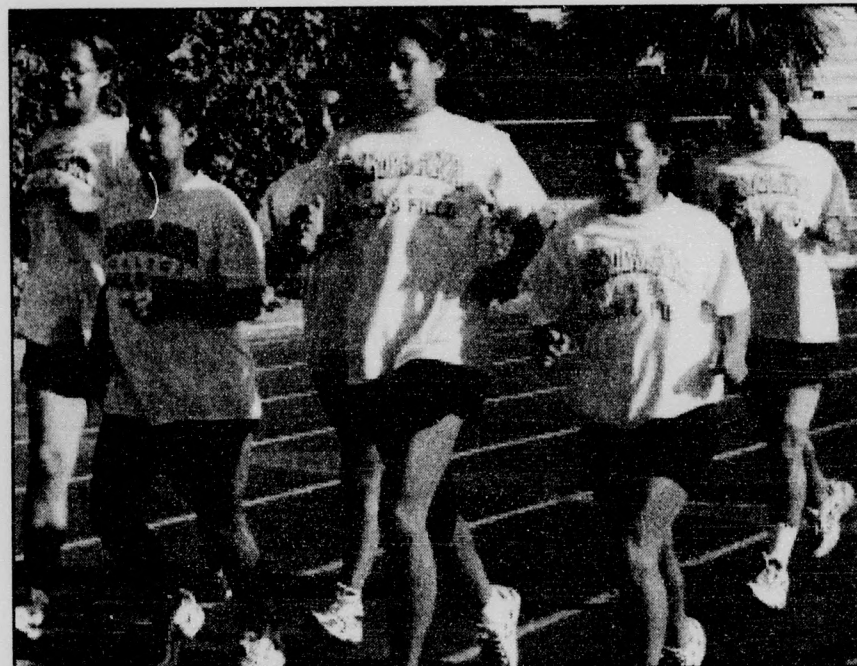
The top runner of the season thus far has been Moreno. Moreno graduated from the University of California at Irvine last year.

"I graduated from UCI, but I still had one year of eligibility left. Right now, I'm studying for the GRE so I figured I could come here in the meantime," said Moreno.

The Donas run around eight miles a day for training. Diet is also important to performance.

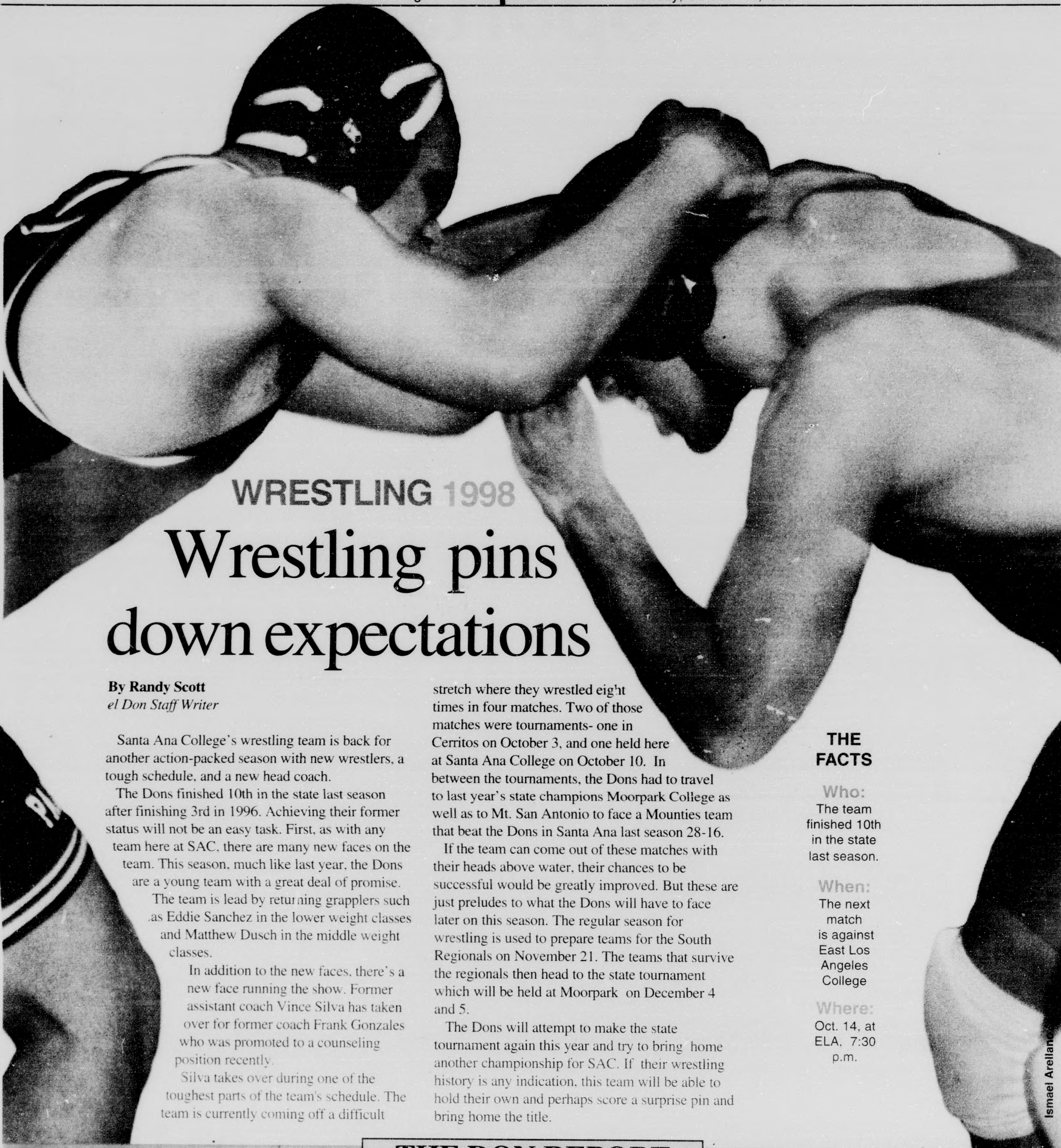
"During the season, I try to eat a lot of healthy foods. I don't eat junk food, I don't drink soda or eat any fast food. I try to eat a lot of vegetables and drink lots of water," said Alvarez.

All the hard work seems to be paying off for the women's team.



Ismael Arellano/ el Don

The women's team sets a pace for each other during practice. The team trained hard over the summer to prepare for the season.



WRESTLING 1998

Wrestling pins down expectations

By Randy Scott
el Don Staff Writer

Santa Ana College's wrestling team is back for another action-packed season with new wrestlers, a tough schedule, and a new head coach.

The Dons finished 10th in the state last season after finishing 3rd in 1996. Achieving their former status will not be an easy task. First, as with any team here at SAC, there are many new faces on the team. This season, much like last year, the Dons are a young team with a great deal of promise.

The team is lead by returning grapplers such as Eddie Sanchez in the lower weight classes and Matthew Dusch in the middle weight classes.

In addition to the new faces, there's a new face running the show. Former assistant coach Vince Silva has taken over for former coach Frank Gonzales who was promoted to a counseling position recently.

Silva takes over during one of the toughest parts of the team's schedule. The team is currently coming off a difficult

stretch where they wrestled eight times in four matches. Two of those matches were tournaments- one in Cerritos on October 3, and one held here at Santa Ana College on October 10. In between the tournaments, the Dons had to travel to last year's state champions Moorpark College as well as to Mt. San Antonio to face a Mounties team that beat the Dons in Santa Ana last season 28-16.

If the team can come out of these matches with their heads above water, their chances to be successful would be greatly improved. But these are just preludes to what the Dons will have to face later on this season. The regular season for wrestling is used to prepare teams for the South Regionals on November 21. The teams that survive the regionals then head to the state tournament which will be held at Moorpark on December 4 and 5.

The Dons will attempt to make the state tournament again this year and try to bring home another championship for SAC. If their wrestling history is any indication, this team will be able to hold their own and perhaps score a surprise pin and bring home the title.

THE FACTS

Who:

The team finished 10th in the state last season.

When:

The next match is against East Los Angeles College

Where:

Oct. 14, at ELA, 7:30 p.m.

Ismael Arellano

THE DON REPORT



Men's soccer continues excellence

The men's soccer team has put together quite a record to start the season, but will have to keep up their winning pace if they are going to take the Orange Empire Conference title for the fifth year in a row.

Their first major test came on Tuesday when they battled Irvine Valley College, their closest rival in the conference.

The Dons came out of this battle with a hard-fought 2-2 tie against the Lancers.

Tomas Serna scored his 15th goal of the season for the Dons.

The tie moved the team's overall record to 10-1-2 for the season with a 2-0-1 record in conference. The lancers moved to 11-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in conference.

-Randy Scott

THE FACTS

Who:

IVC and SAC will face each other again Oct. 30 at home.

When:

The next game is against Golden West College.

Where:

Oct. 13, at home, 3 p.m.



Football faces tough challengers

The Dons lost their fourth straight game this season, 34-19, to the El Camino College Warriors last Saturday.

The Dons started off 0-3 last season before pulling off eight straight wins to finish with at 8-3.

The team has had no breaks in facing tough opponents so far.

There were some positives in the game to look at for the Dons. Sophomore quarterback Archie Lappin had his best performance of the season, going 15 for 32 on his passes for 178 yards. Reserve freshman tailback Camron King had another big day with 97 yards rushing on 21 carries to lead the team.

Note: In the last issue, the football player in the photo was mis-identified as Frank Rodelo. The player pictured was Tony Kimball.

-Randy Scott

THE FACTS

Who:

The team has a bye this week.

When:

The next game is against Fullerton College.

Where:

Oct. 24 at Fullerton, 7 p.m.



Women's soccer held back by injuries

The women's soccer team has been plagued by injuries this season.

"We've been unable to hold the lead in our games. Many of our players are injured. They're missing one to two weeks of games due to injuries," said head coach Juan Mares.

Eight of the girls report injuries, two players being out for the whole season. The team is currently 0-3 in league and 3-8-2 overall.

The team faced Irvine Valley College on Oct. 6. Carolina Arroyo made 13 saves while Gina Gomez, assisted by Carrie Steinmeyer and Andrea Rico scored the Don's two goals. Irvine Valley succeeded in winning however, 5-2.

The team hopes to finish with a .500 average for the season.

-Alesa Kerr

THE FACTS

Who:

The team lost 2-0 to Fullerton and 3-1 to Irvine Valley.

When:

The next game is against Golden West College.

Where:

Oct. 13, at GWC, 6 p.m.